

ECHOES FROM THE ANTE ROOM

Nebraska's First Lodge of Pythians Will Celebrate Their Silver Anniversary.

PROGRAM BEFITTING THE OCCASION

Omaha Odd Fellows Unite in the Construction of One of the Finest Lodge Halls in the Country—Doings of the Fraternal Organizations.

Pythianism will be in the ascendant next Thursday evening, preparations for the twenty-fifth anniversary of Nebraska lodge, No. 1, being on a most elaborate scale, which indicates a desire on the part of the membership of No. 1 to celebrate their silver anniversary in a manner commensurate with the dignity and importance of the order.

Toasts will be responded to by some of the leading speakers of the state, while the list of invited guests from abroad includes Governor-elect Jackson of Iowa, Supreme Representative W. S. Schiam, Attorney General George Hastings, Grand Keeper of Records and Seal H. A. Schaeffer of Lincoln, while delegations of knights will be present from Council Bluffs, South Omaha, Lincoln, Beatrice, Hastings and Grand Island.

The toast card as finally arranged is as follows: Address of Welcome..... Mr. J. J. Monell, P. G. C. The Birth of Pythianism..... Mr. J. J. Monell, P. G. C. The Grand Lodge..... George H. Cramer, P. G. C. The Supreme Lodge..... Hon. W. A. Dillworth, Grand Chancellor of the Supreme Lodge..... Hon. George P. Benis, The Knight of the Nineteenth Century..... Hon. Richard O'Neil, Grand Representative of Omaha..... Hon. George P. Benis, The Beneficence of the King..... Hon. Frank Green, Friendship, Charity and Benevolence..... The Hon. Rev. S. Wright Butler, The Future of Pythianism..... J. J. Monell, P. G. C. The Relationship of Fraternities to Society..... Hon. John M. Thurston, The Notice at the Shrine..... Hon. John M. Thurston, The Ladies..... Hon. H. H. Estabrook, The Menu will be an example of the chef's art, the good things which will tempt the appetite previous to the feast of reason being as follows:

- Blue Points on Half Shell. Celery. Olives. Bouillon in Cups. Hollandaise Sauce. Baked Salmon. Potatoes Parisienne. Sweet Breads. Brasse Mushroom Sauce. French Peas. Quail on Toast. Water Crisps. Lobster Salad. Saratoga Chips. Champagne. Ice Cream. Assorted Cake. Bents' Water Crackers. Cheese. Coffee. Cigars. Fruit.

The entire floor space of the Commercial club except the reception room will be converted into a banquet room, arrangements having been made for 300 guests, nearly 200 of that number having signified their desire to be present. The rooms will be finely decorated, a string orchestra having been engaged to play throughout the evening. A reception will precede the banquet, from 8 until 9, the latter hour having been named for the justing over the "Table Round." The committee laboring to make this the crowning event in Pythian history of Nebraska are:

Entertainment Committee—W. F. Magney, chairman; C. E. Currier, George A. Bachtel, J. J. Boucher, M. L. Roeder. Reception Committee—Jeff W. Bedford, John Q. Cross, George W. Corvill, H. B. Frey, C. W. Kaitler, P. E. Day, E. E. Deaton, John Hayward, W. H. Horner, A. C. Adams. Nebraska lodge has seen its share of trials and tribulations, but the skies are very bright now and clear water is just ahead for this, the pioneer lodge of Pythians of Nebraska.

The officers of Nebraska No. 1 are: George A. Magney, P. C.; M. L. Roeder, C. C.; C. W. Haltier, V. C.; E. M. Wright, P.; C. H. Cook, R. of R. and S.; M. H. Horner, M. of F.; H. B. Frey, M. of F.; F. E. Day, O. G.; A. J. J. Boucher, I. G.; F. E. Day, O. G.

Odd Fellows' New Home. The pioneer lodge of Nebraska of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows is Omaha lodge No. 2, and it is erecting a lasting monument to its stability, enterprise and prosperity, that is creditable both to the city and the order.

For a number of years this lodge has been the possessor of a large interest in the property situated at Fourteenth and Dodge streets and known as Odd Fellows hall. This interest the lodge retains. In addition it is the sole owner of the lot adjoining Odd Fellows hall on the north and the Delone hotel on the south.

As the membership of the order in this city has increased year by year and new lodges have sprung into existence the members of No. 2 conceived the idea of a magnificent Odd Fellows hall that would eclipse in grandeur, beauty and convenience all such in the Midwest. With this idea in view committees were named and all the preliminary steps necessary to carry out such an enterprise were perfected.

As quickly as possible after the preliminary steps had been taken plans and specifications for the construction and reconstruction of the building on the site were approved, the necessary funds provided and the following members were chosen to carry out the construction of the temple of Odd Fellowship: John H. Flanagan, C. B. Brownlee and W. H. Green. With characteristic enterprise these gentlemen took hold of matters and pushed them rapidly. A large force of mechanics and workmen soon demolished the portions of the building occupying the site that it was intended should be reconstructed. This was some weeks ago, and in the time intervening with that and the present the three-story structure is nearly inclosed. It is expected that the exterior work will be completed within three weeks at the farthest. It will require until the latter days of January or first days of February to complete the building entire for occupancy. The walls will stand three stories high and basement. It will be constructed in the main of pressed brick, with trimmings of stone. Particular attention has been given to stability of construction and the foundation and walls will stand the storms of ages, so says Building Inspector Tilly. In size the building will be 44x90 feet. The frontage of forty-four feet, on Fourteenth street, will be quite attractive in architectural design.

Particular attention has been paid to the interior construction and arrangement of the building for the purposes it was originally intended. The basement is high and well arranged. It is here located the boilers that will provide the steam heat. The first or ground floor, is divided into two first-class storerooms. The two upper floors are to be arranged and exclusively devoted to lodge purposes. On the second floor, in the rear, will be located the dining room, 24x40 feet in size. Here, also, will be an elegantly appointed culinary department. The front half of this story will be apportioned to ladies' and gentlemen's parlors. From this floor the third will be gained by means of a stairway located in the southeast corner. Here will be the main lounge room. It will be 40x60 feet in size with a ceiling nineteen and one-half feet high. In the center of this room will arise a dome from the ceiling which will be fourteen feet across. This room, as those on the other floors, will be finished in white oak.

Already the plans for the interior arrangements and decorations of the two upper floors have been agreed to, as have those for furnishing the same. The full splendor and beauty of the lodge rooms can better and more fully be appreciated when thrown open to the 215 members of Omaha lodge, whose enterprise and \$25,000 have made possible the consummation of the dream for an ideal home for Odd Fellows in this city.

Modern Woodmen's Dance. Modern Woodmen, camp No. 130, gave a very enjoyable and largely attended dancing party at Washington hall, Friday night. The committee on arrangements consisted of W. A. Gady, E. E. Bryson and Fred Elsas. The guests were received by J. E. Van Gilder, Phil Miller and Deputy Master. Before the dancing began Head Counsel Northcott of Greenville, Ill., presented the camp with a handsome banner which was

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Get Your Marriage Certificate at the Court House and Engage a Minister—The People's Mammoth Installment House Will Do the Rest.

Strolling down the street the other day, on his never-ending search for news, a reporter chanced into the Peoples Mammoth Installment House at 1315-1317 Farnam street.

He was met at the door by a gentlemanly clerk and treated politely as if he had come with a dollar or two in his pocket. He did not know it then, but has learned it since, but every one who visits that place is accorded the most courteous treatment. Requesting to be shown through the mammoth establishment, he was led to the basement, that being the most natural place to commence. Here was shown a bewildering display of stoves and heaters of all sizes, from a small bed room stove up to one capable of heating the whole house.

There was also a large line of heaters for the burning of either hard or soft coal, a complete line of cook stoves with or without reservoirs, and complete lines of wrought iron and steel ranges, gasoline stoves, oil stoves, etc. There came an almost unlimited stock of stove furnishings, granite ware, blue enamel ware, nickel, tin, copper ware and wrought steel stove furnishings.

Passing through a door into a second basement the crockery department was discovered. Here was a line of Haviland and Dresden ware, complete sets and odd pieces, many of the sets with after-dinner coffee. The display was heightened by the shelves filled with fine glassware, which reflected the light from the electric lamps. Bright colored lamp shades called every attention to the fine department, where are to be found lamps of every size and degree, banquet lamps, vase lamps, piano lamps in porcelain and brass and onyx trimmings, and hanging lamps. There were several hundred other things of interest to housekeepers, but much too numerous to mention.

The first floor is given up largely to bedroom suites, which are displayed in many different styles and woods, oak, mahogany, burley maple, sycamore and bamboo. For the accommodation of people in small houses there are gun combination folding beds in the form of wardrobes, bookcases, etc., also upright beds and mantel beds. Mattresses of all kinds and prices and bed springs are piled as high as the ceiling. Over on one side by way of variety is a large line of silverware of all kinds and to suit all classes of purchasers. As if this was not enough for one floor they have an annex for the special accommodation of sideboards, dining room tables, dining room chairs, kitchen cupboards, China closets and similar articles of furniture.

On emerging from the elevator on the second floor the eye is attracted to the array of parlor suits upholstered in Wilton rug, silk brocade, silk tapestry, silk damask and plush, and frames of quarter sawed oak, mahogany and cherry. Then there are Parisian lounges, chenille lounges in handsome rug designs, Turkish lounges in various coverings, and a variety of small houses there are gun combination folding beds in the form of wardrobes, bookcases, etc., also upright beds and mantel beds. Mattresses of all kinds and prices and bed springs are piled as high as the ceiling.

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The Peoples Mammoth Installment House pride themselves on prompt deliveries of goods purchased. None but polite salespeople are employed, and there is every accommodation that might be required by the most exacting thousands of well furnished homes in Omaha and vicinity testify to the popularity of this well-known establishment. In conclusion, the reporter thinks it proper to suggest to the marriageable young men of Omaha that it is high time for them to hurry up and throw off their yoke of bachelorhood and marry one of our Omaha girls (and we have so many nice girls), settle down and become a citizen. If this advice is generally acted on by the young men, George Francis Train's prediction that Omaha will in 1900 have 300,000 people will surely be realized.

HERE IS ROMANCE.

A Curious Story of the First European-Japanese Marriage.

At one time if a Japanese girl married a foreigner she was instantly decapitated. A Portuguese gentleman, whom we met in Yokohama, related his experience in this direction. He went there thirty years ago and fell in love with a Japanese girl. Her parents wanted her of the fatal consequences of marrying him. He was young and ardent and the romantic.

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They eloped and visited the nearest priest, who advised them against their fatal marriage, but to no purpose. "She cannot be baptized, confirmed and married all in the same day," said the priest.

"She must," said the lover. "I must," she said, "for we both die tomorrow morning."

The priest waived a few customary rules to fit the occasion and performed all three ceremonies at once, and then interceded for the bride's life. The mikado decided that he could not bend to the Portuguese, but the girl should die. The priest warned him, saying: "She is now a Portuguese, too, and you would better postpone the decapitation until you confer with the Portuguese government."

Time was granted. The priest persuaded. The husband pleaded. The Portuguese government demanded. After a correspondence which lasted five years, and in which the British, American and other consuls or representatives took much interest, the young woman was permitted to live. Mr. La Rosa, the happy husband, is now in business, with a family surrounding him.

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CONTINENTAL CLOTHING HOUSE

N. E. Cor. 15th and Douglas.

The greatest of all great bargain sales in the history of the clothing business of Omaha is the Thompson, Willis & Newgent stock of Men's, Boys' and Children's Overcoats and Ulsters now on sale.

Prices on Men's Ulsters:

Table with 4 columns: LOT NO., T. W. & N.'S PRICE, USUAL RETAIL PRICE, OUR PRICE. Lists various styles of men's ulsters with prices ranging from \$9 to \$28.

Prices on Men's Overcoats:

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Prices on Boys' Ulsters:

Table with 4 columns: LOT NO., T. W. & N.'S PRICE, USUAL RETAIL PRICE, OUR PRICE. Lists various styles of boys' ulsters with prices ranging from \$6.50 to \$13.

Advertisement for Boys' Ulsters and Children's Overcoats. Includes text: 'Boys' Ulsters, sizes 8 to 14 years, \$4.50, \$5.50, \$6.' and 'Great special sale of Boys' All Wool Grand Special Bargains for Monday.' Includes illustrations of a boy in a suit and a child in a plaid overcoat.

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